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SUBJ: IMPACT OF NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION ON MAAGS
AND SIMILAR ADVISORY MISSIONS OVERSEAS: VENEZUELA

REF: STATE 97277

1. ALTHOUGH FMS CREDITS FOR VENEZUELA HAVE APPARENTLY COME TO AN
END, AND ALTHOUGH THE OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE MAP TRAINING IS CLOUDED
TO SAY THE LEAST, I WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST THE INCLUSION OF OUR
MILITARY GROUP HERE AMONG THE TEN MAAGS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE
ELIMINATED BY SEP 30, 1976. IN THE WAKE OF THE FMS CREDIT
IMPASSE AND THE FASCELL AMENDMENT, THE GOV AND THE VENEZUELAN
ARMED FORCES COULD BE EXPECTED TO LOOK ON THE SUDDEN TERMINATION
OF THE MILGRP AS ANOTHER ACT OF POLITICAL "DISCRIMINATION" AGAINST
VENEZUELA. THE DAMAGE MIGHT WELL BE CONSIDERABLE IN TERMS OF
THE EMERGING DISPOSITION HERE TO REORIENT MILITARY RELATIONS
AWAY FROM TRADITIONALLY ACTIVE TIES WITH THE US AND TOWARD
CLOSER CONNECTIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. (SEE SEPTTEL FOR REPORT
ON CURRENT VENEZUELAN MILITARY ATTITUDES WITH RESPECT TO THE
FMS CREDIT ISSUE.)

2. I URGE THAT WE RETAIN THE MILGRP IN VENEZUELA UNTIL
SEP 30, 1977. IN MY JUDGMENT REDUCTIONS IN NUMBERS
WOULD, HOWEVER, BE FEASIBLE PRIOR TO THAT DATE IN ORDER TO HELP
MEET THE REQUIREMENT TO REDUCE TO A 1400 CEILING WORLDWIDE.
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3. WITH RESPECT TO THE PERIOD BEYOND OCT 1, 1977, IT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME PRECISELY WHAT IS COMPREHENDED IN THE BAN ON ATTACHE PERFORMANCE OF "SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS." WOULD THIS INCLUDE ARRANGING FMS CASH SALES AND EQUIPMENT OR TRAINING? IN ANY CASE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO NEED TWO OR THREE OFFICERS HERE CAPABLE OF WINDING UP EXISTING FMS CREDIT CASES, PROCESSING FMS CASH SALES AND CARRYING OUT APPROPRIATE LIAISON ACTIVITIES WITH THE VENEZUELAN MILITARY. I WOULD PLAN TO INTEGRATE THESE OFFICERS INTO THE EMBASSY'S NEW BILATERAL COOPERATION UNIT ENVISAGED UNDER "OPERATION CLEAN SLATE." THEY WOULD REPORT TO ME THROUGH THE COUNSELOR HEADING THAT UNIT AND WOULD FUNCTION AS INTEGRATED MEMBERS OF THE MISSION'S STAFF.
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